

HOUSE RESOLUTION 100

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A RESOLUTION to honor the success of the band Shinedown and its Tennessee-born members, Zach Myers and Brent Smith.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those native Tennesseans who possess world-renowned musical ability and have led successful careers in the music industry, thereby enriching the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Zach Myers and Brent Smith, both of whom serve as members of the hard rock band Shinedown; and

WHEREAS, Brent Smith, born in Knoxville, represents this State by leading a successful career in the music industry as creator and lead vocalist of the band Shinedown; and

WHEREAS, Zach Myers, born in Memphis, represents this State by leading a successful career in the music industry as the founder and lead singer of the Memphis-based rock band The Fairwell, as well as the former bassist and current guitarist for the hard rock band Shinedown; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, Shinedown has proven itself to be a dynamic, record-breaking, multi-platinum musical group with the ability to appeal to a diverse constituency of both young and old rock music fans; likewise, Tennessee-born members Zach Myers and Brent Smith deserve this body's unyielding approbation for their contribution to the band Shinedown and, ultimately, to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's consistent delivery of high-energy concerts and live shows has helped the band garner millions of fans on a global scale and sell out countless tours and festival headlining sets; the band's propensity to not only deliver an entertaining show, but to do

so while engaging with concertgoers and encouraging friendship and goodwill amongst those in attendance, is most commendable; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown was nominated for the iHeartRadio Music Awards' "Rock Artist of the Year" in 2017 and 2019; during the 2006 *Billboard* Music Awards, Shinedown was nominated for "Modern Rock Artist of the Year" and "Rock Artist of the Year," and during the 2009 American Music Awards, the band was nominated for the "Favorite Alternative Artist" award; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's debut album, *Leave a Whisper*, released in 2003, was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), with four hit singles, including: "Fly From the Inside," "45," "Simple Man," and "Burning Bright"; these singles proved to be hits, each making it onto the *Billboard* Mainstream Rock charts, peaking at the fifth, third, fifth, and second spots, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's second studio album, *Us and Them*, released in 2005, was certified platinum by the RIAA after selling over a million copies; this album debuted at number twenty-three on the *Billboard* 200 chart and included three singles titled "Heroes," "I Dare You," and "Save Me," which reached the number one spot on the Mainstream Rock charts; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's third studio album, *The Sound Of Madness*, released in 2008, sold over two million units to become a RIAA-certified double platinum album; the album includes six singles: "Devour," "Second Chance," "Sound of Madness," "If You Only Knew," "The Crow & the Butterfly," and "Diamond Eyes"; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's fourth studio album, *Amaryllis*, released in 2012, was certified gold by the RIAA after selling a half a million units; it features five singles: "Bully," "Unity," "Enemies," "I'll Follow You," and "Adrenaline"; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's fifth studio album, *Threat to Survival*, released in 2015, includes four singles: "Cut the Cord," "State of My Head," "How Did You Love," and "Asking For It," all of which entered the U.S. Mainstream Rock charts; during the 2016 iHeartRadio Music Awards, the single "Cut the Cord" was nominated for the "Rock Song of the Year" award; and

WHEREAS, Shinedown's most recent album, *Attention Attention*, released in 2018, debuted at number one on the Top Rock Albums, Hard Rock Albums, and Alternative Albums charts and includes the single "Devil," which reached the top spot on the Active Rock and Mainstream Rock charts; "Devil" was also nominated for the 2019 iHeartRadio Music Awards "Rock Song of the Year." Other singles on the album include "Get Up," "special," and "Monsters"; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Brent Smith and Zach Myers collaborated to create a duo of EPs titled *Acoustic Sessions*, which were released for sale under the band name Smith and Myers; the album includes ten cover songs, all of which were chosen at their fans' discretion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the rock band Shinedown and its Tennessee-born members, Zach Myers and Brent Smith, for their devotion to their craft and overall contribution to the State of Tennessee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.